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(54) **GASKET FOR SEALING A HEATING CHAMBER OF AN ELECTRONIC COFFEE MAKER**

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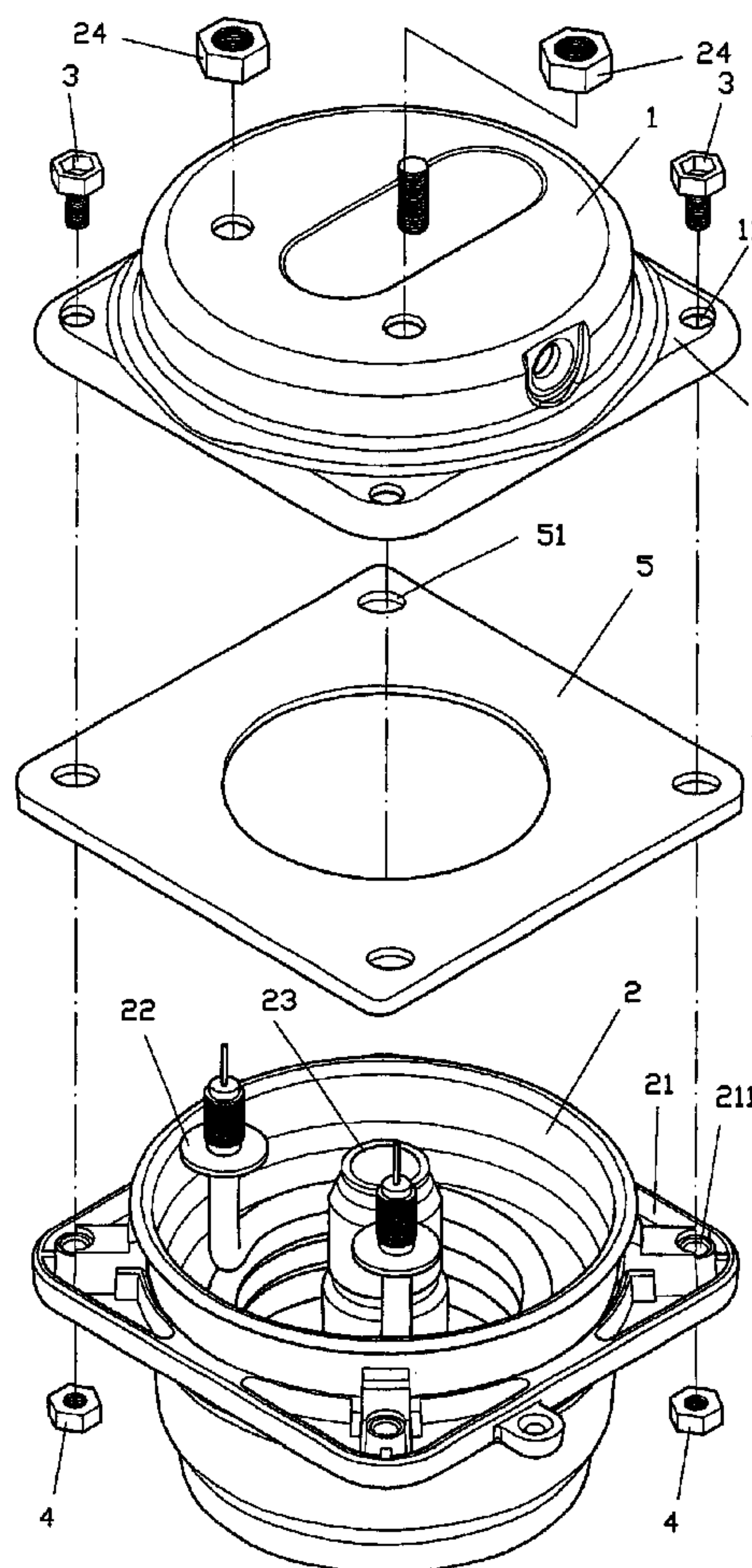
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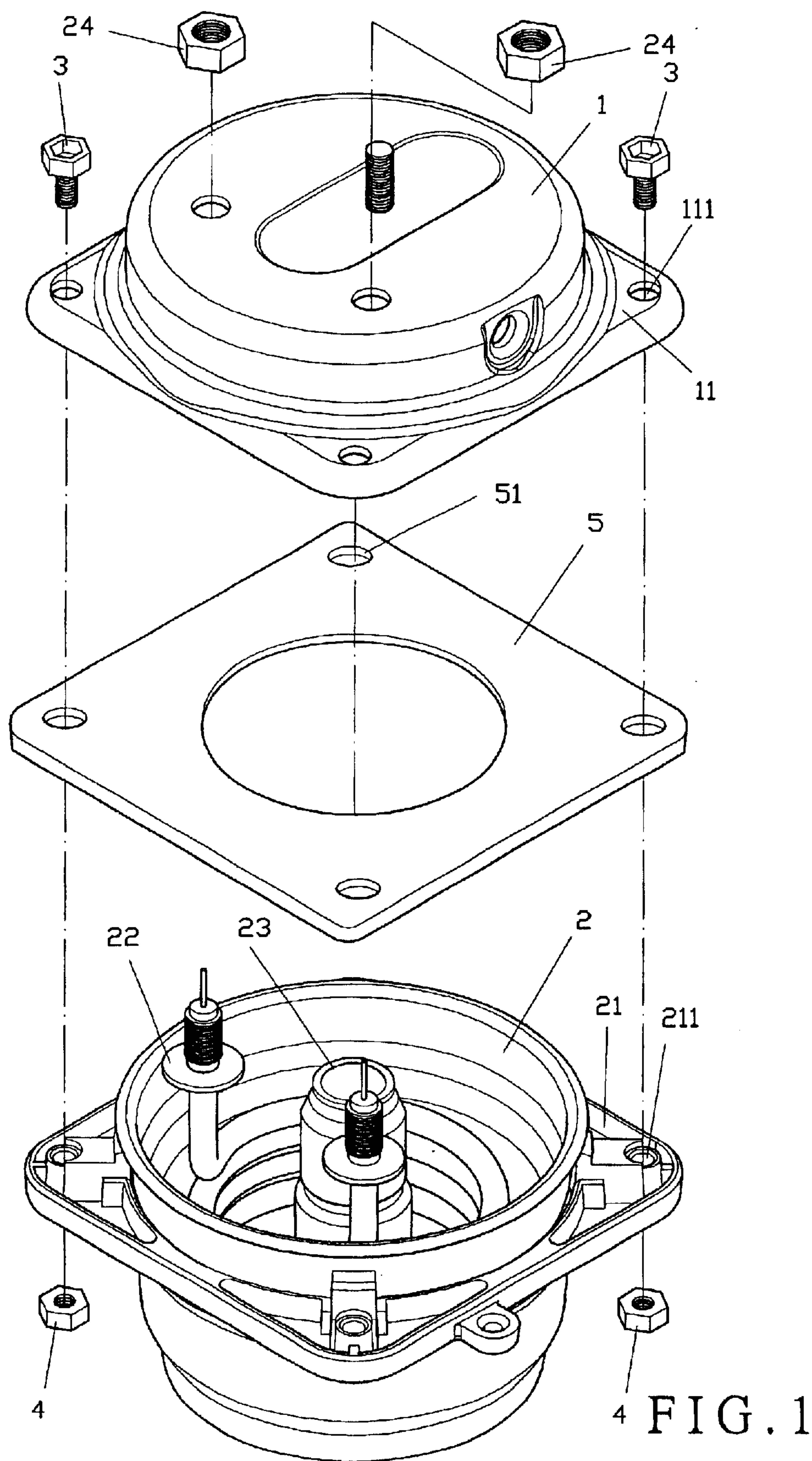
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A gasket for sealing a heating chamber of an electronic coffee maker, the heating chamber comprises a lid, a tank, bolts and nuts. The lid comprises a base with holes at four corners, and the tank also has a base with four holes at four corners. A gasket also comprises four holes at four corners corresponding to the holes of the bases of the lid and the tank. The gasket is placed on the base of the tank, and then the lid is placed on the gasket in sequence and fastened with the bolts and the nuts to seal the heating chamber securely.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets





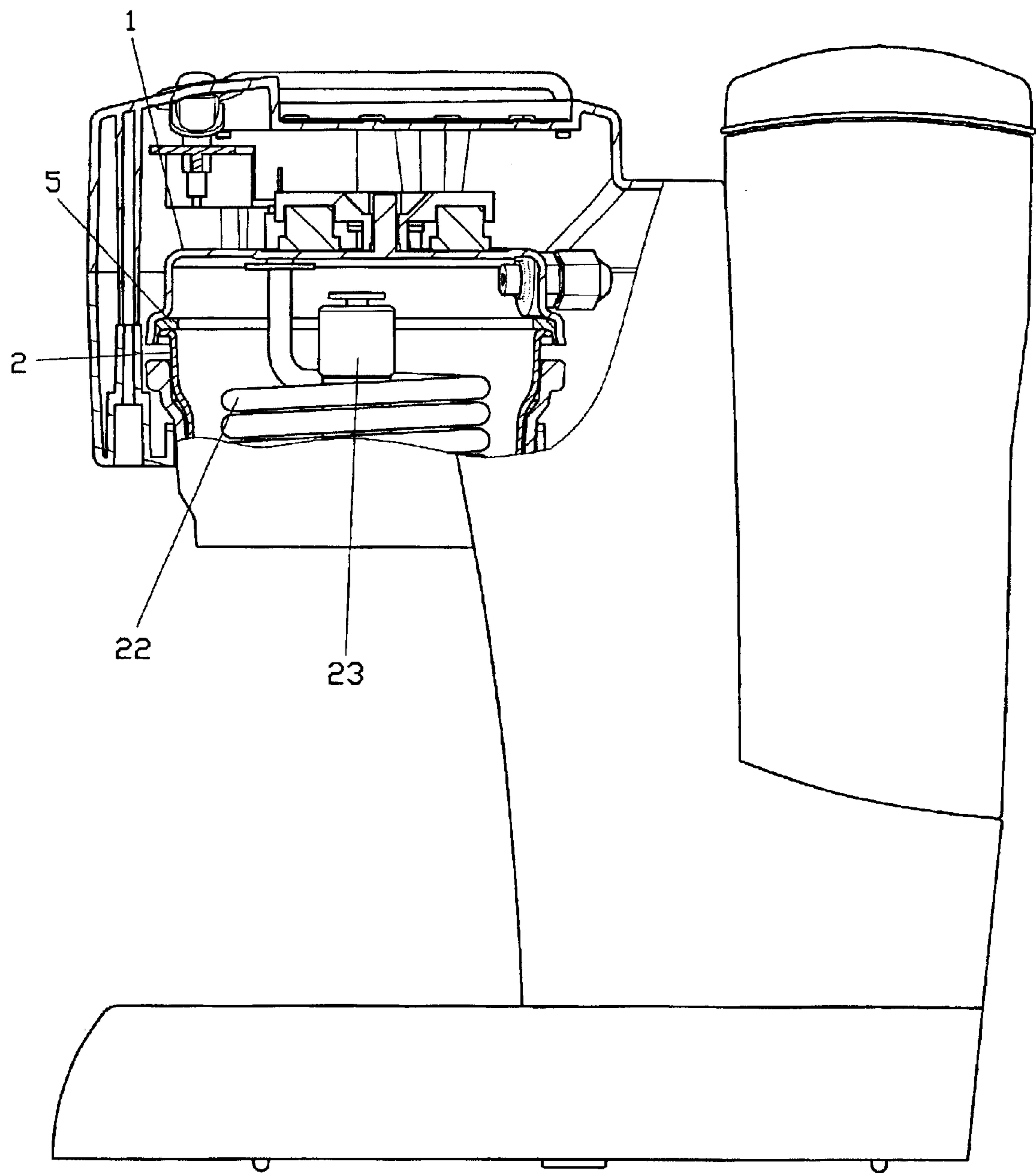


FIG. 2

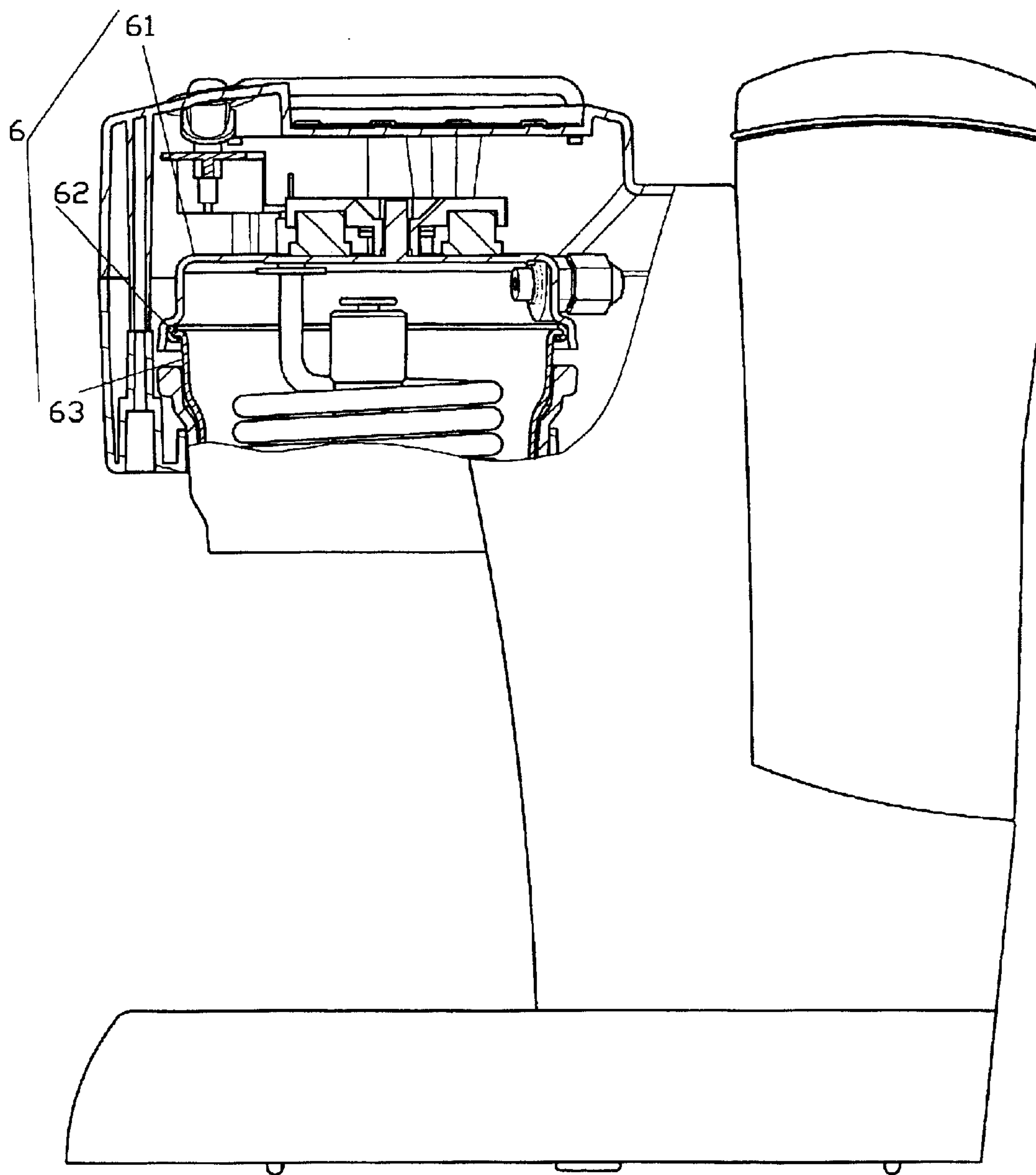


FIG. 3
(PRIOR ART)

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GASKET FOR SEALING A HEATING CHAMBER OF AN ELECTRONIC COFFEE MAKER

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a gasket, and more particularly to a heating chamber of a coffee maker with a gasket to seal the heating chamber securely.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A coffee maker has become a popular appliance to most families to brew their coffee. The coffee maker current on the market uses an O-ring **63** between a base **61** and a tank **62** with bolts and nuts to seal a heating chamber **6**, as shown in FIG. **3**. In order to achieve the sealing purpose, the inner diameter of the O-ring **63** must be smaller than the top inner edge of the tank **62**, and a user has to pull the O-ring **63** to be fastened. This pulling may deform the O-ring and cause leakage.

In view of the above-mentioned shortcomings, a renovated coffee maker sealing structure has derived.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a gasket for sealing a heating chamber of an electronic coffee maker, which the gasket seals the heating chamber in a secure without leakage consideration.

It is another object of the present invention to provide the gasket for sealing a heating chamber of an electronic coffee maker, which the gasket has a longer life span.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide the gasket for sealing a heating chamber of an electronic coffee maker, which do not increase cost and provides a batter quality product.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is an exploded view of the present invention;

FIG. **2** is a side view of the present invention, partially sectioned; and

FIG. **3** is a side cross-sectional view of a prior art.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A coffee maker with a gasket to seal a heating chamber, as shown in FIG. **1**, the heating chamber comprises a lid **1**, a tank **2**, bolts **3** and nuts **4**.

The lid **1** comprises a base **11** with holes **111** at four corners. The tank **2** also comprises a base **21** with holes **211** at four corners thereof, corresponding to the four holes **111** of the base **11** of the lid **1**. When placing the lid **1** on the top of the tank **2**, the holes **111** of the lid **1** align with the holes **211** of the tank **2**. The bolts **3** are inserted through the holes **111** and **211** and threaded with the nuts **4**.

The tank **2** also accommodates a heater **22** and a heating valve **23** therein. The heater **22** is secured onto the lid **2** by a nut **24**. A gasket **5** is placed between the base **11** of the lid **1** and the base **21** of the tank **2**. The gasket **5** has four holes **51** at four corners corresponding to the holes **111** and **211** for insertion of the bolts **3**. This provides a seamless connection.

To practice, as shown in FIG. **2**, the lid **1** and the gasket **5** are placed on the tank **2** and fastened with the bolts **3** and the nuts **4**.

I claim:

1. A gasket for sealing a heating chamber of an electronic coffee maker, said heating chamber comprising a lid, a tank, bolts and nuts, said lid comprising a base with at least four holes at four corners, said tank comprising a base with at least four holes at four corners, said holes of said base of said lid corresponding to said holes of said base of said tank;

the gasket being captured between said base of said lid and said base of said tank to define a continuously sealed portion, said gasket including a peripheral portion extending radially outward from said sealed portion, said peripheral portion having a plurality of holes displaced from said sealed portion and corresponding to said holes of said bases of said lid and said tank for insertion of said bolts, said lid and said tank being secured together with said bolts and said nuts, said gasket being engaged between said base of said lid and said base of said tank.

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